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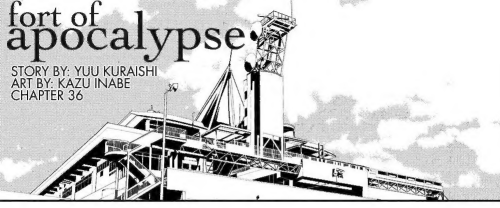
CHAPTER 36



NAH, DON'T BOTHER.
MAY I TAKE A SAMPLE?
LET ME RUN SOME BLOOD TESTS TO BE SURE.
OKAY, THEN.
IF IT'S BLOOD YOU'RE AFTER...
FWIP
WHA--
HUH?
LET'S SHOW HER.
C'MON, MAEDA...
FINE, FINE.
AAHH...

CHILL. IT'S ALL GOOD.
ARE YOU INSANE?!
HOO.
AH, SORRY.
I DON'T HAVE IT IN ME.
I'M TOO SCARED.

SLAM
トン
GIMMIE YOUR HAND.
OH, FINE.
HUH?
GRAB
YOU GOTTA FOLLOW THROUGH, QUICK AND CLEAN.
WAAAAAGH! OW, OW, OW, OW, OW!
EASY, EASY.
NO! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!

NNN NNG GHH...
OH MY GOD, BAN-DAGES!
WAIT, NO, STOP THE BLEEDING! DISINFEC-TANT!
WHOA, WHOA. JUST WATCH.
JUST WATCH
WHAT?
HUH?

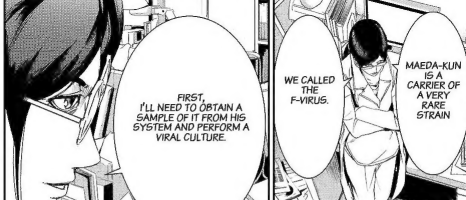
THE FINGER HE CUT OFF HAS STARTED GROWING BACK!

HOLY CRAP,
LET ME SEE THAT HAND!

EXCUSE ME?
DON'T DO THAT, YOSHIOKA-KUN! IT STILL HURTS, YOU KNOW?!

YOU'RE AN F-VIRUS CARRIER.
THERE'S NO QUESTION.
NOW MY OEDIPUS PLAN CAN SUCCEED.
THANK GOD.
NOTHING.
OH—
HMM?
WELL, MAYBE YOU DIDN'T NEED TO CHOP OFF A WHOLE FINGER.
YOU GOTTA MAKE THINGS EASY TO UNDER-STAND.
SEE?
I NEED TO INJECT YOU ALL WITH SOME ANTIBIOTICS.
RIGHT,
BEFORE I START EXAMINING MAEDA-KUN,

SORRY,
BUT YOU'VE ALL HAD CONTACT WITH THE INFECTED PRIOR TO COMING HERE. IT'S JUST A PRECAUTION.
REALLY?
WE'RE NOT INFECTED.
UGH.
YOU'RE NOT ALLERGIC TO RUBBING ALCOHOL, ARE YOU?
COME ON...
WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?
SO.
RIGHT...


FIRST, I'LL NEED TO OBTAIN A SAMPLE OF IT FROM HIS SYSTEM AND PERFORM A VIRAL CULTURE.
WE CALLED THE F-VIRUS.
MAEDA-KUN IS A CARRIER OF A VERY RARE STRAIN

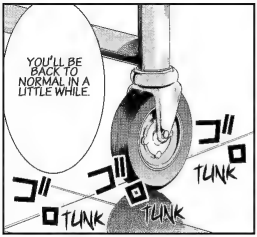
THERE'S VERY LITTLE F-VIRUS PRESENT IN THE BLOOD-STREAM.

HUH?
WHAT THE...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
THE PLACE WHERE THE VIRUS IS MOST CONCENTRATED...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY HAND?!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
...IS IN THE CEREBRO-SPINAL FLUID.

...THE GREY MATTER.
IN OTHER WORDS...
GREY MATTER?
G...
WHUMP

WHAAAAAA?
WHA...
Y-YOSHIOKA-KUN
S-SHIT...
IWAKURA-KUN!
HANABATA-KUN!
THE HELL'D YOU DO...
GGGGGH-HHHHH-
LET ME GUESS.
LETHARGY, HEART PALPATATIONS, UNCONTROLLABLE TREMBLING?
SLEP
SLEP
I APOLOGIZE.
THAT SHOT WASN'T ANTIBIOTICS, IT WAS INSULIN.


YOU'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL IN A LITTLE WHILE.
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DON'T WORRY. YOU BOYS ARE JUST GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE SPELL OF LOW BLOOD SUGAR.
TUNK
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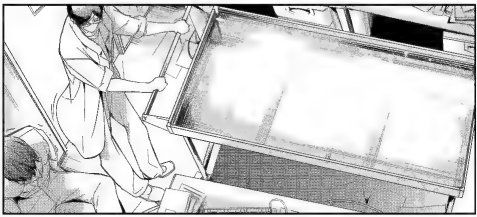
TUNK



THUMP
UP...

LET'S GO.
TUNK
NOW,
TUNK

D-D-D-D-D-DO TO HIM?
WHAAAAT-T-TARE YOU GONNA

THE ONLY THING I CAN DO.

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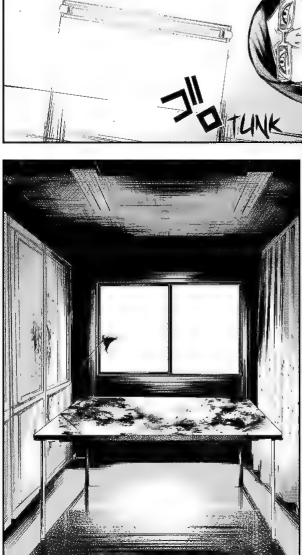

TUNK
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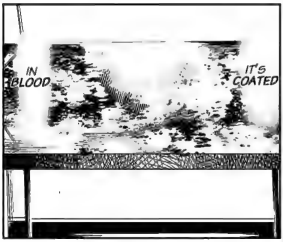
TUNK

CREEAAAAK

UP ON THE TABLE.
OKAY. NOW,


IN BLOOD
IT'S COATED

WHAT THE HELL HAP-PENED ON THERE?
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER

WHAT'S SHE GONNA DO TO ME?
HDDH!
HDDH
HDDH
WHA...
WHAT?
I'M GOING TO GET STARTED. OKAY?

FORGIVE ME, MAEDA-KUN.
I'LL MAKE IT AS PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE.
BUT THIS ISN'T A HOSPITAL. I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT INSTRUMENTS FOR PERFORMING SURGERY.

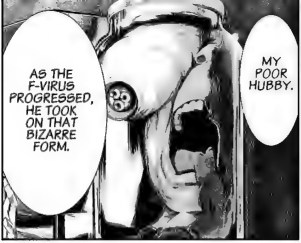
I'M REALLY SORRY.
ALL I'VE GOT IN HAND ARE THESE TOOLS.
SHIT!
HOLY
I SWEAR I'LL MAKE IT AS PAIN FREE AS I CAN.

IS THAT A DRILL?
WHAT ARE THOSE?
WHAT IS SHE THINKING?

LEAN
HRR
KRRHHH
HHHH
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
HEY!
HAA
GET BACK HERE!
SEEH

I WON'T DO ANY-THING—
BE A GOOD PATIENT AND LAY ON THE TABLE.
RIP
NO!
DON'T PULL DOWN THAT CUR-TAIN!
GRAB

WHA...
IS THAT...
A PERSON?


AS THE F-VIRUS PROGRESSED, HE TOOK ON THAT BIZARRE FORM.
MY POOR HUBBY.

SUR-PRISED?

BUT REGARD-LESS, HE'S STILL MY HUSBAND.

SHOVE
I BAWLED MY EYES OUT WHEN I CHOPPED HIM UP.

DRAG
I NEED TO SEE THIS THROUGH, NO MATTER WHAT.
I'VE SACRIFICED A LOT, TOO.
DRAG

BY COMPLETING OUR OEDIPUS PLAN,
AND ERADICATING BOTH THE M AND F-VIRUSES.
HAA ハア
HAA ハア
HAA ハア
AND I'M SORRY,
BUT I NEED YOUR BRAIN TO DO IT.
FORGIVE ME.

TWIRL
YOU JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF HOT YOUNG BOYS, HUH, LADY?
EVEN WHEN THEY'RE CLEARLY NOT INTERESTED.

HE ALWAYS KEPT SOME ROCK CANDY ON HIM IN CASE HE NEEDED A LITTLE SUGAR.
THE HYPO-GLYCEMIA... HOW DID YOU...
CRINKLE
MY GRANDPA WAS DIABETIC.
SO.
HMM?
EXPLAIN YOURSELF, LADY?
HOWS ABOUT YOU

?

FU-
BANG

YANK
BITCH.
OWWWW!
STOMP
STOMP
THUD
SHOVE!
WHOA!
RGH-

SLAM!
RATTLE
YOU LITTLE BITCH!
KH-
WHAM
DON'T YOU LAY A FINGER ON HIM!
SLAM
WE'VE GOT A LITTLE PROBLEM.
I'LL KILL YOU!
SLAM

OPEN UP, DAMN YOU!
WHAM
LET'S MOVE QUICKLY.
TIME'S NOT ON OUR SIDE ANYMORE.
WHAM
HE'S FRANTIC
SMASH
WHAM
YOU'VE GOT GREAT FRIENDS
HE REALLY WANTS TO HELP YOU
WHAM
I'VE COME TOO FAR TO STOP
BUT

THIS IS TO SAVE MAN-KIND.
WHAM!!
NNAAAHH-
SPNACK!
MAEDA, RUN!
WHAM!!
WHAM!!

SPWACK
AAAAAAA AAAAA
SPWACK
UGYY HAAAGHH!
MAEDAA AAAAAA!
WHAM
BANG
WHAM
BANG
SPWACK

DAAAMN.
CREEEAAK
KACHIK
HUH?
WHAT THE SHIT IS THIS?

DID I CATCH YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF A HUMAN EXPERIMENT?
REACH
!!
YOU'LL GO WITH THE KNIFE.

CRACK

I ALREADY KNOW THE FUTURE.
JUST THE NEXT TWO SECONDS, THOUGH.
THUD